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SWNA Hears Of Corcoran, Waterfront Progress

Updates on two large construction projects in Near Southwest were given at the Apr. 23 public meeting of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.

Jocelyn File of Corcoran Gallery of Arts and Patrick Burkhardt explained the upcoming demolition of large parts of the former Randall Junior High on I (Eye) St. SW and conversion of the front part to a new Corcoran School of Art, plus construction of high-rise condominiums behind.

Forest City Washington's David Smith and Kaempfer Co.'s Gordon Fraley explained the PUD (Planned Unit Development) they filed with the DC Board of Zoning to redo Waterside Mall at 4th & M St. SW. A hearing is set for June 7.

Community Benefits From Development \$\$\$ - May 19,21

Public meetings to discuss special benefits that developers should provide the neighborhood were scheduled for Sat. May 19 and Mon. May 21. A large turnout was expected, first at Second Baptist Church, Canal & M St. SW Sat. at 10 am and a few days later on Mon. at SE University, 6th & I (Eye) St. SW at 6:30 pm.



Red brick center of Randall Jr. will be preserved. Other parts will be torn down and replaced by Condo apts.

Kwame Brown at Westminster June 16, 10 am

Progress of Economic Development Projects in SW and Near SE D.C.

Councilmember Kwame R. Brown, Chair of the Committee on Economic Development, has announced a Public Roundtable on "Progress of Economic Development Projects in Southwest and Near Southeast DC." The Roundtable is co-hosted by Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells.

The Roundtable will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 10AM at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I (Eye) Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Those who wish to testify should contact Mr. John Adams at the Committee on Economic Development by email at Jadams@DCCouncil.us or by telephone (202) 727-6683 by 5pm on Friday June 15, 2007.

Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five (5) minutes for oral presentation and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes for oral presentation.



Council member
Tommy Wells

Sunshine Laws For AWC, NCRC

The DC Council has passed a bill to extend the freedom of information law to two semi-government corporations – the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation and the National Capital Revitalization Corporation.

In addition, these corporations must give "great weight" to suggestions of DC's Advisory Neighborhood Commissions on developments in their neighborhoods.

When he was an ANC Commissioner, SW live-aboard resident Ed Johnson drafted a bill like the one adopted by the Council. It covers the AWC and NCRC as these corporations promote several billion dollars of new development in the Anacostia River and Southwest Channel areas



Elementary students in CHIME concert.

Amidon Strings Concert

Twenty-one Amidon Elementary boys and girls in grades 1 through 5 performed on their violins and cellos at the school on May 10. Musical numbers included Beethoven's *Ode to Joy* and Offenbach's *Can Can*.

Joining them were eleven students from Stoddert Elementary School in Upper Northwest DC. Instructor for Amidon is Mazel Cheilek and for Stoddert is Christine Kharazian.

Video-taping the performance for later airing was DC Public Access TV.

Sponsors included CHIME (Community Help in Music Education) which promotes and provides music education in DC.

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Southwest Community Calendar

May 19-June 30, 2007

SAT. MAY 19 "Development Dollars for Community Benefits" Public roundtable at Second Baptist Church, Canal St. & M St. SW, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm

MON. MAY 21, Zoning Commission hearing on surface parking for baseball fans for 5 years, 441 4th St NW, 6:30 pm

MON. MAY 21 "Development Dollars for Community Benefits" public roundtable. Southeastern University, 6th & I (Eye) St. SW, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm.

THURS. MAY 24 SW Chamber Music, St. Augustine's Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

MON. MAY 28 Memorial Day holiday observed.

THURS. MAY 31 SW Scholarship Application Deadline, SW Branch Library, 5:30 pm

THURS. MAY 31 Zoning Hearing on new apartments for 1325 So. Capitol St. SW,

441 - 4th St NW, 6:30 pm

THURS. JUN 7 Zoning Hearing on Waterfront Associates (401 M St. SW), 441 4th St. NW, 6:30 pm

MON. JUNE 11 SW/SE Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D meeting open to the public, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7 pm

THURS. JUN 14 SW Office hours, Council Member Tommy Wells, Channel Inn, 7th & Water St. SW, 8 am

MON. JUN 25 Public meeting, SW Neighborhood Assembly, St. Augustine's Episcopal church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm

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Thurgood, Cecilia Marshall SW Center

The Thurgood and Cecilia Marshall Southwest Community Center is the name selected by St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church for their new community center to be built along with their new church at 222 M Street, SW.

Mrs. Marshall noted that this is "the first U.S. building to be named for both Justice Marshall and me. I'm overwhelmed to be included in this honor," she said.

Best remembered for his victory in the Brown v. Board of Education case, the late Thurgood Marshall became the first African American appointed as United States Solicitor General in 1965. Two years later, he became the first African American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

While its church and community center is being built, the St. Matthew's congregation is currently in ministry together with St. Augustine's Episcopal congregation at 600 M Street, SW.

Mayor Fenty At Volunteer Day at KGL

Hundreds of youth and adults flooded

the King-Greenleaf Recreation Center Apr. 21 to start 3 days of volunteering by youth.

Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and an organization called Serve DC hoped to get 20,000 volunteers to undertake 200 community service projects citywide over the three days.

Slices of pizza and bottles of soft drinks were handed out while spectators in the stands watched Joy of Motion dancers from Bethesda, a Junior Reserve Officers Training group from a charter school and Dunbar High School Marching Drummers and other entertainers..

Dy Brown, Communications Director for Serve DC, lists her address as Office of the Mayor and her phone number 727-7931,

SW Artists at Art'o Matic

By Pat Bennett - Three Southwest residents--Pat Bennett, Andrea Collins and Carlos Rodriguez--are currently displaying their visual art at ART-O-MATIC in Crystal City. The show will continue through May 20 at 2121 Crystal Drive on the 6th and 8th floors. Free. This is the fifth edition of ART-O-MATIC which occupied the EPA site at Waterside Mall in SW

Friendship Baptist Hat Sale

The Friendship Baptist Church is having a "Parade of Hats" Show on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at 1:00 PM, at 900 Delaware Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. All are invited. Ladies' hats for all

occasions, accessories including jewelry, flowers, scarves, and hats for men will be available, by Estella's Hats of Washington, DC. There will be door prizes, music and food. For more information, call the Church office at (202) 488-7417.



A rendering of a new apartment building planned for 1325 So. Capitol St. SW, across from the new ballpark.

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Ms. Yvonne Hudson, left, talks with SEU President Dr. Charlene Drew Jarvis.

Southeastern U In Shakespeare Festival

Southeastern University at 6th and I (Eye) St. SW was part of the months long celebration of Shakespeare in Washington, D.C.

On Apr. 26 actress-scholar Yvonne Hudson, who is on the staff at SEU, quoted from Shakespeare's sonnets and plays to illustrate the research she has done for her long-running show "Mrs. Shakespeare, Will's first and last love."

For example, Katherina's speech "Thy husband is thy lord..." at the end of Taming of the Shrew might illustrate the attitudes of Shakespeare's time, Ms. Hudson said.

Jeff Students Perform

"Voices of Now" students from Jefferson Jr. High will perform Sat. June 2 at 14th & T St. NW at 8 pm (Arena Stage's other stage – near U St./Cardozo Metro), and Mon. June 4 at 6 pm at St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW.

Arena Stage's Community Education professionals have been training and directing the youth all year, after auditions last fall. The students will be performing a new play they have written themselves.

Call the Arena Stage Box Office for your free reservation for June 2 or June 4. 202-554-3300.

If other performances are set, fliers will be distributed.

Gloria Lynne Concert by "Jazz in SW"

(Release by Jazz in SW)

On Wednesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m., legendary jazz diva extraordinaire, Gloria Lynne, will be presented in concert by Friday Night Jazz in Southwest at the US Department of Interior's historic Sidney Yates Auditorium, 1849 C Street N. W.

The performance is presented by Southwest Renaissance Development Corporation through the support of the Interior Department and the National Park Services. Tickets are available for \$40.00 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I Street SW, Washington, D.C. on weekdays from 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.; and Monday and Friday from 6-9 p.m. Interested parties should call (202) 484-7700 or (301) 464-4397 or e-mail Dick Smith at dicksmith618@yahoo.com

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FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS – Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS – Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 – noon.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club – First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

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LABYRINTH WALK – First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 7 pm.

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wednesday, June 6.

New Police Facilities in Southwest

The D.C. Metropolitan Police Dept. has new buildings planned or already underway in Near Southwest.

The Office of the Chief of Police, presently at 300 Indiana Ave. NW near the Senate Office Bldgs. will be moved to a building under construction at 225 Virginia Ave. SW, next to the Hart Federal Office Bldg. Occupancy is expected two years from now.

Joining the Chief in that new building will be the First District Police Headquarters, presently at 415-4th St. SW.

By early in 2008 design will be completed for new Crime Laboratories and other labs in a new building planned for 4th & School St. SW.

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Jefferson Jr. students helped with planting three Cherry Trees.

Cherry Trees Honor 9th Graders at Jeff

(excerpts from an article by William Jackson, 9th Grade Student)

Recently, Jefferson was blessed to have three Yoshino cherry trees planted on the school grounds.

For this article, I interviewed a number of the participants who made the day possible including Mr. Perry Klein of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Council member Tommy Wells, Ms. Ashley Neeley of the National Cherry Blossom Festival, Ms Susan Sprenke, Biology teacher at Jefferson Junior High School and several Jefferson Junior High School Ninth Graders.

Ms. Neeley explained that in each case, the trees are dedicated to a particular cause. For example, Yoshino cherry trees planted in Anacostia were dedicated to the loved ones who had passed.

In the case of Jefferson, the trees were dedicated to the 9th grade class which will be the last ninth grade class at Jefferson since the school will transition to the middle school model in the fall.

But, the Cherry Tree Planting was not the only activity associated with the day. Prior to the actual planting, Ms. Neeley, Mr. Wells, Ms. Sprenke, Mr. Klein and several students gathered the 9th grade class in the auditorium to talk about this great honor. Following the presentations

everyone headed outside the library to start with the hard work. Experts from Casey Trees (the foundation that provided the trees) directed the students in the planting. While some students planted, other students did clean up activities, planted flowers and marked storm drains, all in support of the conservation process. Living Classrooms donated flowers and storm drain markers.

Two students, Samantha Harper and Devan Phillips, who participated in the clean up, were on their third bag of debris when I interviewed them. They were surprised at some of the debris that they found including jewelry; but noted that it was well worth it, "We want the yard to look cleaner, That's why we chose to clean!" Fortunately for all, after an afternoon of hard work, Jenny's Restaurant and Phillip's treated everyone to the most appropriate delicacy, sushi and tea!

If you have a moment drive by and see the trees which are planted on the 7th street grassy area adjacent to the Jefferson Junior High School library. The trees of course will have a huge impact on not only Jefferson Junior High School but the entire neighborhood. Mr. Wells summed up the impact of the project, "I think Southwest is already a great place to live, but the Cherry trees just make it even more special!"



One of Club #4's baseball teams forms two lines before a game with a King Greenleaf team.



Jefferson Jr. High School's 2006-7 City Championship basketball team. Their record was 13-3.



A King Greenleaf Recreation Center baseball team forms a single line with coach Oscar.

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You Can Row & Paddle Free

On Sat. May 26 from 10 am to 2 pm people of all ages can have fun learning first hand about DC's waterways.

At the Anacostia Community Boathouse under the 11th St. SE Bridge they are providing rowing and paddling instruction, guided river tours and information on preventing river pollution. The address is 1115 O St. SE, so if you are heading East on M St. SE on your bike or in a car you pass the Navy Yard, make a right turn on 11th St. SE and the first left is O St. and look for parking along O St. (Keep left on 11th St. to O or you'll end up on the bridge crossing the river).

The event is sponsored by the Boathouse, the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation and the DC Sports and Entertainment Commission.

For information call the boathouse, 202-742-7380.

Boat Safety Classes At Harbor Patrol

A boater safety class for two hours on each of two Tuesday evenings and two hours each of two Thursday evenings from 7 pm to 9 pm must be attended by anyone who wants to take a boat, canoe, kayak, etc. out on the Potomac or Anacostia Rivers adjacent to DC – including the Potomac all the way across to Virginia..

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